

Brown-Connelly House  
CE-911  
Near Richardsmere  
Private

C. 1860-1870

Stylish mid 19th century woodwork dates the Brown-Connelly house to around 1860. The two story four bay three room plan was widely used in the first and second quarters of the 19th century as well as the third and even the fourth quarter of the century. The room plan and four bay two front door arrangement has a history that dates back to the late 18th century. Although the corner fireplaces have gone and the door openings widened the basic three room floor plan remains the same. A single story fieldstone springhouse ~~also~~ stands on the property and provides a good example of a long standing tradition in stone masonry. Cut quoins and flat keystone arches provide necessary support at corners and a few openings.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File #893

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

Connelly House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Second house on the right on Connelly Road north of Route 1

CITY, TOWN

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☒ VICINITY OF

1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Connelly

Telephone #: 658-5227

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brown-Connelly House c. 1858-1877 is a 2½ story three room plan house located just north of Route 1 on Connelly Road. The house faces south with the primary gable running east/west. The structure is located on a southern slope so the main facade has an elevated 1st story and exposed basement.

The structure is 4 bays across by 2 bays deep and rests on an uncoursed stone foundation.

A two story addition, one bay by one bay extends to the north from the rear of the main block. A elevated single story shed porch is attached to the main facade. The roof is supported by square columns. Horizontal railings are found between the posts. The house is totally covered with asbestos siding.

The main facade has two entrances located in the center two bays. The doors have two panels below the lock rail and a glazed area above. The door surrounds as with the window surrounds are molded. There is a three light transom. The window sash is 6/6. Window openings on the second floor are also 6/6. The basement window openings are protected with diamond cross - sectioned horizontal bars. The boxed cornice has a stepped - out decoration.

The west gable end has two 6/6 sash windows on each floor and two 4 pane attic lights. A 6 pane window is also located in the basement. A stretcher bond stack rises out of the gable end. Bargeboards terminate the gable ends.

The west gable end is without as many windows but does have similar attic and basement lights. Another brick stack rises out of this gable end.

The north facade is primarily covered with the rear addition, it being very plain.

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The first floor interior as stated earlier is divided into three rooms with a central inclosed quarter turn stair. The east room runs the depth of the house and has a large fireplace along the east wall. Cupboards have been built in next to the stack. This room serves as the present kitchen. The southwest room has the stair leading from it. The first three steps and newel post are exposed. The rest of the stair is inclosed. The door opening has a 4 panel door with crosetted architraves. The design seems reminiscent of the 18th century ~~design~~ shape with heavy mid 19th century raised moldings. The newel is a tapered circular shape with a flat oval cap. The handrail is a flat oval and the balusters are turned. The mantels in both rooms have simplified pilasters that support a plain frieze and heavy mantel shelf. Small built-in paneled closets are located next to the fireplace. There is a large opening between the two rooms.

The northwest room is very similar to the wouthwest room. The mantel is identical and so is the window trim.

The only outbuilding is an uncoursed stone spring house (10' x 8') with a medium sloped slate roof. An elevated entrance is located in the west gable end. The other sides have small ventilator openings with diamond-cross sectioned bars that are set into a mortise and tenon frame.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is very significant architecturally since it is a very late example of the modified German plan. Typically, the house is located on the south slope of a hill and retains a three room arrangement. The placement of doors and windows on the main facade also conforms to the established practice of having two front doors in the central bays. Stylish mid to late 19th century details such as the newel post appear. It does seem as if some innovation in craftsmanship was used in the door surrounds since they are unlike any others in the area. The structure remains virtually intact since its mid to late 19th century construction date. The spring house, although in worse repair is a good example of stonework in outbuildings.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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9/22/78

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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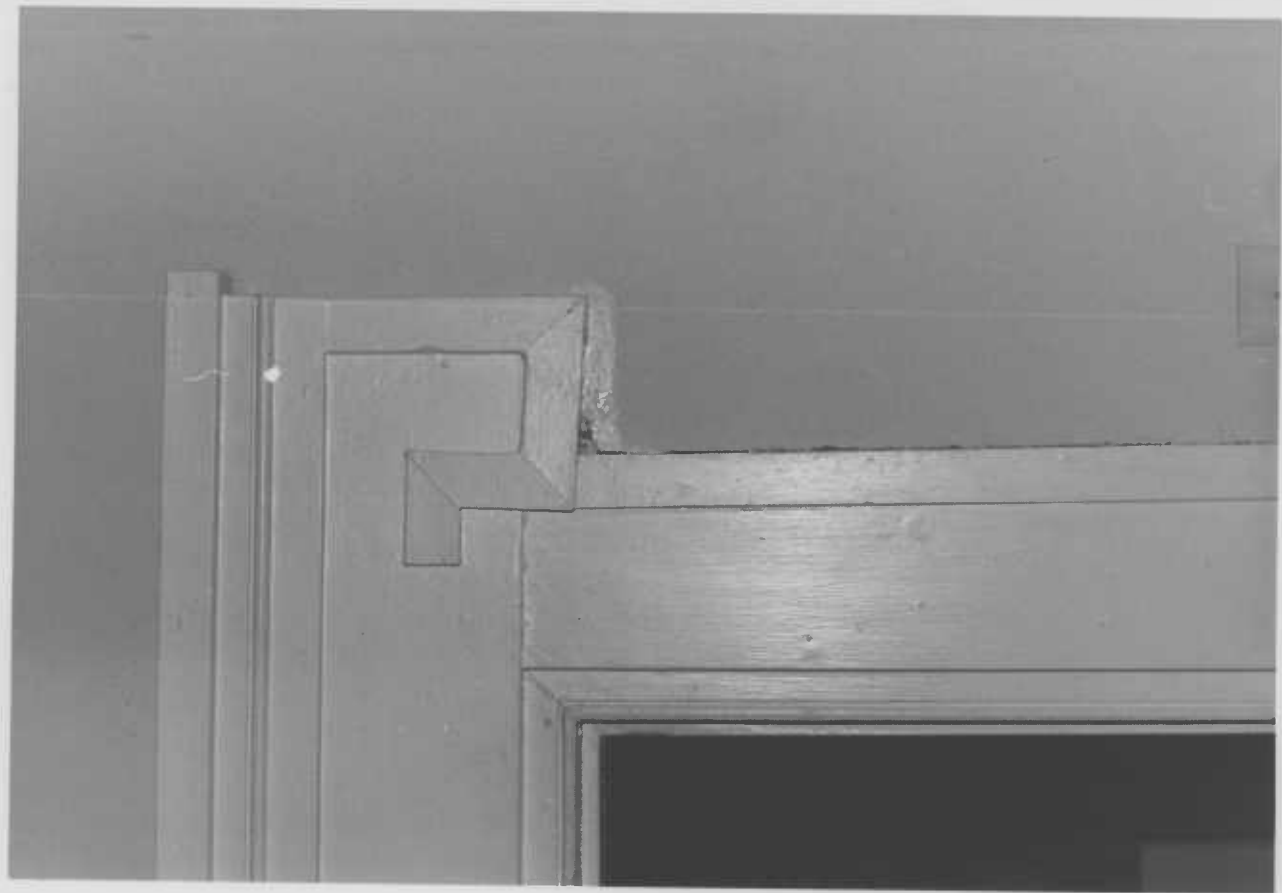


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